

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Richard Smyth (Chairman), Christine Cookman, Graham Taylor, Robert Churton, Andrew Crawford, John Pollock, Judith Fearn

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk)
2 members of the public.

26/21 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from NYC Cllr Taylor. There were no declarations of interests.

26/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2026

Minutes previously circulated and these were signed as a correct record.

26/23 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Matters discussed were the mowing schedule and the wildlife pond.

26/24 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Taylor was not present.

26/25 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The .gov.uk domain had been registered and the website switched to the new domain. Council email account had been created for each Councillor and the Clerk and the login details distributed.
- b. Five applications had been received for co-option on to the wildlife pond working group. The group would offer all applicants an interview and then appoint the two members.
- c. The emergency plan group has submitted their plan to North Yorkshire Council. A WhatsApp group had been created and a grant for additional solar and backup batteries for the village hall applied for from Northern Powergrid.
- d. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk were yet to meet to draft the business continuity plan. This would be tabled at the next meeting.
- e. The names of the representative trustees had been passed to the Stillington Charity.
- f. The wall on the York Road/Main Street junction had been repaired by NY Highways.
- g. No response had been received from NY Highways regarding the sinking carriageway on Mill Lane. The Clerk had yesterday sent photos to NY Highways taken by a resident.

26/26 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGN STATISTICS

These were presented and once the data was fully interpreted would be published in the Stillington News every other month.

The Clerk would find out what the criteria was for a visit from the speed camera van to be arranged.

Approved Chairman

26/27 COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

A draft policy had been produced by the working party. Some of the actions had already been started. Amendments would be made and a copy sent to the Clerk for publication on the website.

26/28 GRASS CUTTING

Two quotes had been received, and it was agreed to accept MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd for the next three years.

26/29 VILLAGE, CHURCHYARD & HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Cllr Fearn would send the Clerk photos of the damage on Brandsby Road so they can be forwarded to NY Highways.

The white lines at the North Back Lane southern junction needed renewing. The Clerk would report to NY Highways.

A pick up your litter sign would be requested for the layby on Crayke Road.

Cllr Churton would send the Clerk a picture of a pot hole on North Back Lane so it can be forwarded to NY Highways.

26/30 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

The planning applications considered are attached.

26/31 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

The planning decisions received are attached.

26/32 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. The receipts and payment, bank reconciliation, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. The bank statements were available for inspection together with the bank reconciliation.
- d. It was agreed to apply for a multi pay credit card from Unity Trust Bank.

26/33 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received that was not on the agenda and required decision.

26/34 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Pond Management Working Party.

Business Continuity Plan.

Communications Policy.

26/35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 May 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Payments

Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£298.00
HMRC	PAYE	£67.00
YLCA	Training	£27.40
Stillington News	Grant	£200.00
Stillington Village Hall	Rent of Room	£31.00

Approved Chairman

Planning Applications Received

Reference	Date	Description	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
ZB24/01808/FUL	07/01/2026	Erection of new dwelling to replace existing workshop	122 Main Street	Ms L Austin	Objection
ZB25/02289/CLE	26/01/2026	Application for as lawful development certificate	Roseberry View, West Lane	Mrs Catherine Snowball	Objection should remain for agricultural occupation
ZB26/00065/FUL	04/02/2026	Application for internal alteration	Fair View Cottage, High Street	Mr Kevin Galvin	No objection
ZB26/00066/LBC	04/02/2026	Listed building consent for internal alteration	Fair View Cottage, High Street	Mr Kevin Galvin	No objection
ZB26/00171/FUL	11/02/2026	Application for single storey extensions	Ash Croft, North Back Lane	John Hawker	No objection
ZB26/00088/LBC	11/02/2026	Listed building consent for masonry repairs	Wren House, High Street	Tracy Dennison	No objection
ZB25/00047/FUL	17/02/2026	Change of use of land for siting 16 static caravans	Caravan Site, Folly Garth, Garth Green	Mr Sheldon Lee	Objection, road infrastructure and flooding

Planning Decisions Received

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
Zb25/02039/FUL	07/01/2026	Works or extension to a dwelling	White Bear Barn, 2 Woodbyne Way	Mr Andrew Kitching	Granted
ZB25/02161/FUL	27/01/2026	Application for single storey front extension	19 Hill View	Mr S Brady	Granted
ZB25/00585/FUL	02/02/2026	Detached dwelling on land adjacent to Gladstone House	Gladstone House, High Street	Mr & Mrs G Falcus	Granted
ZB24/01808/FUL	09/02/2026	Erection of a new dwelling	122 Main Street	Mr L Austin	Refused
ZB25/02167/FUL	09/02/2026	Construction of general purpose agricultural building	Part OS Field 0046, West Lane	SB & A Clark	Granted